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Palmer "30-Second" ski reviews: 2008



PO 2

This may be the best high edge angle carving ski to debut in recent years. Palmer's unique design, especially the relationship between complex-curve sidecut and pressure distribution zones, has produced a ski that feels different from any other we have tested and one which seems like it could etch perfect carves into a pane of hardened glass. And—the amazing part—at the same time, the PO2 can be skied at low speeds with progressively soft edges. All this adds up to a superb on-piste ski capable of almost anything at any speed. One caveat: this ski simply does not respond well to weighted-ski steering technique and demands precision, accuracy and confidence.



PO 1



Available in two cosmetic schemes; the LE, covered with "eyeballs", is shown at left. Like the 2, this model is also best managed with modern technique, but will work with traditional technique, provided the skier is sufficiently skilled. Not for intermediates or even "advanced" skiers. Primary use: off-piste adventure, but also very capable in bounds.



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